GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4663
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2000
USE OF ROADS BY VIPS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assured the Delhi High Court in a Public Interest Litigation that the VIPs do not have any exclusive right to use the roads in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been given by the Court on the assurance so given to Delhi High Court;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the time by which these are likely to be formulated and followed by Delhi Police?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(e): In the Affidavit filed by the Ministry of Home Affairs before Delhi High Court in the Writ Petition Cr. No.4693/99 filed by Dr. ShreeKant Gupta & Ors., it was stated that the existing instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs provide for stoppage of traffic for the President of India, Prime Minister of India and visiting Heads of States. This is done to ensure their safety and security and is considered to be essential. Except to this extent, VIPs do not have any exclusive right to use the roads. In fact, elaborate Do`s & Don`ts issued by this Ministry advise the protected persons not to ask their security personnel to violate traffic rules. No specific guidelines were given by the Court in this regard.